

EPA Web Application

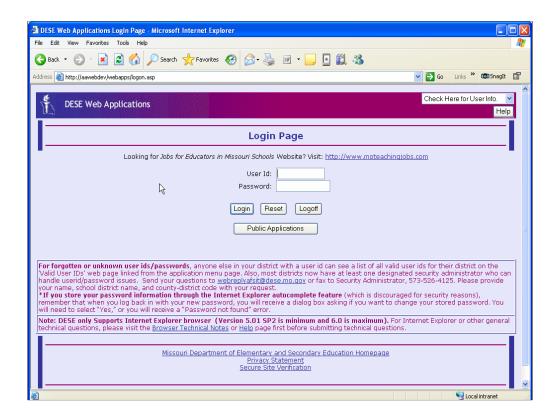
- New on-line monthly reports
- Must have user ID and password
- Contains request form for Homebound reimbursement

The following PowerPoint Presentation is intended to acquaint district personnel with the new web-based EPA payment system. With this new system, districts will be able to review monthly payment information, identify exact amounts paid each month for the regular EPA payment and to identify specific amounts paid for homebound, contract education, extended school year, handicapped census, prior year adjustments and other payment adjustments.

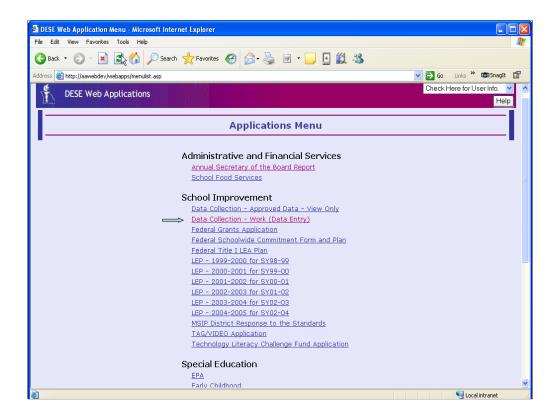
This new system will replace the previous written reports sent to the district on a monthly basis.

It is important that every district obtain access to the new system. Login requires a user ID and password assigned through the DESE Information Technology Section. Instructions to request the necessary login credentials are available at the following web address:

http://dese.mo.gov/divspeced/Finance/PDF/SecurityLetter.pdf
https://k12apps.dese.mo.gov/webapps/securityforms/MO500-2377.pdf

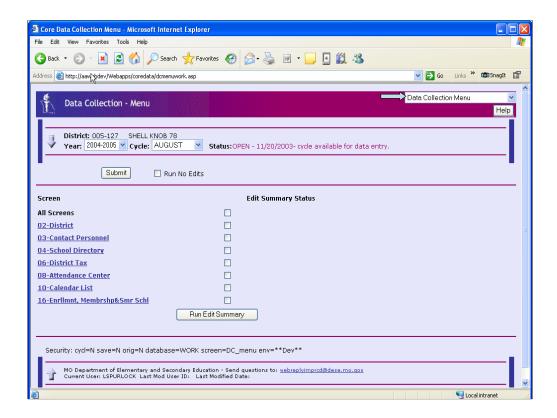


This is the "Login Page" to the DESE Web Application Menu. It requires a User ID and Password which are available from DESE or through the district's User Manager Administrator. If your district has not applied for a User ID and Password, follow the directions provided in the Division's SELS message dated December 1, 2004.

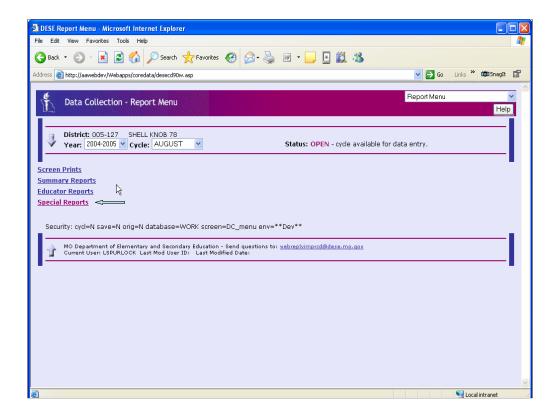


This PowerPoint demonstration is intended to take you through several features applicable to the new Web-EPA Program. It is **not** intended to serve as a "Help" feature while you are logged on to the system.

Successful login will take you to the "DESE Web Application Menu" page. While "Web-EPA" is located under the heading "Special Education", additional important information for the EPA payment is located at other sites within the DESE Web Program. Note the arrow above at "Data Collection – Work (Data Entry)".

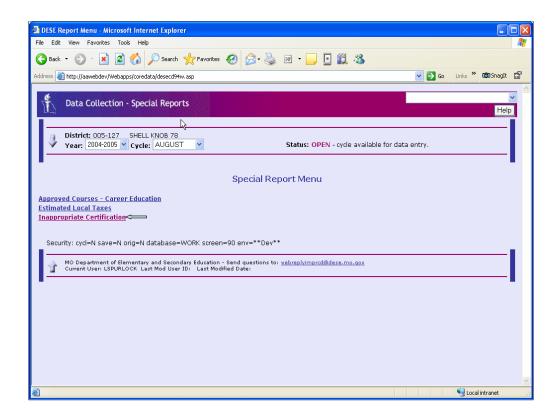


Note the arrow in the upper right hand corner of the page. This drop down menu offers the option "Report Menu".

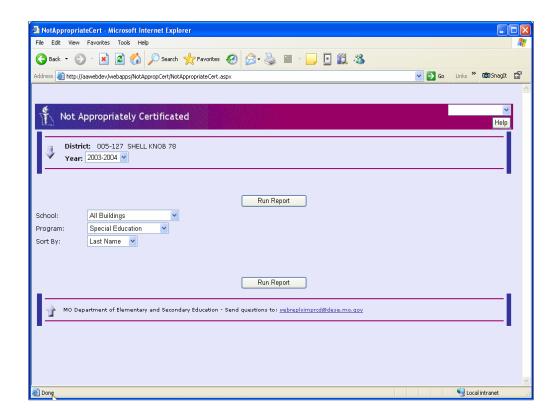


This screen lists the various reports available within the Data Collection system. Choose "Special Reports."

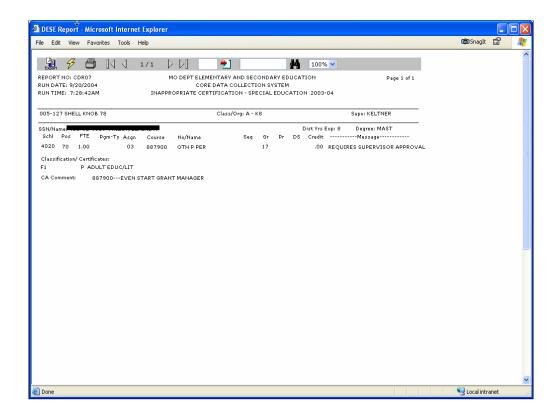
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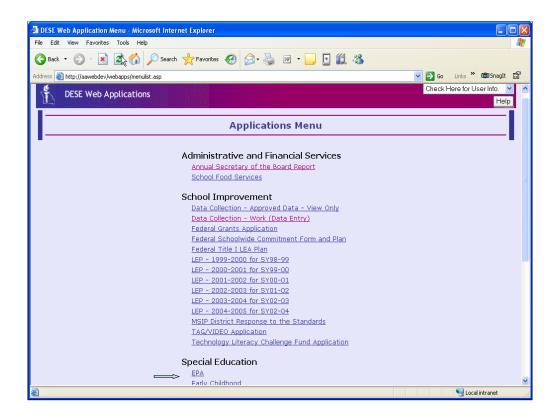
The "Inappropriate Certification Report" will allow the district to check for staff members not appropriately certificated. Since part of the EPA payment is based on qualified staff, this report will provide the district with information regarding those staff members not eligible for payment.



This screen allows the district to run specific reports related to staff showing in Core Data as not appropriately certificated. Note that the selections showing on this slide will provide the reviewer with a report of all unqualified special educators, from all buildings in the district and sorted by last name.

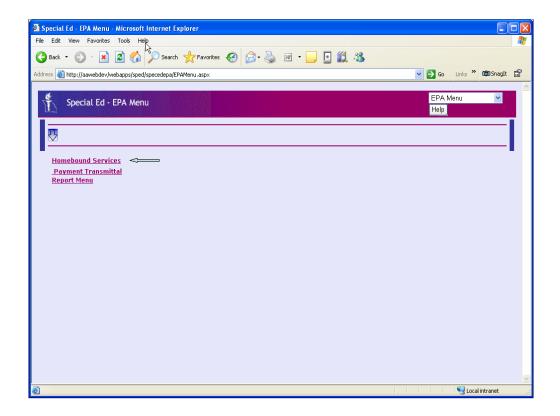


This slide represents the information available on the Inappropriate Certification Report (formerly known as the Unqualified Report.) It is important that the district review this report and make necessary corrections as the district will not receive EPA payments for individuals listed on this report.

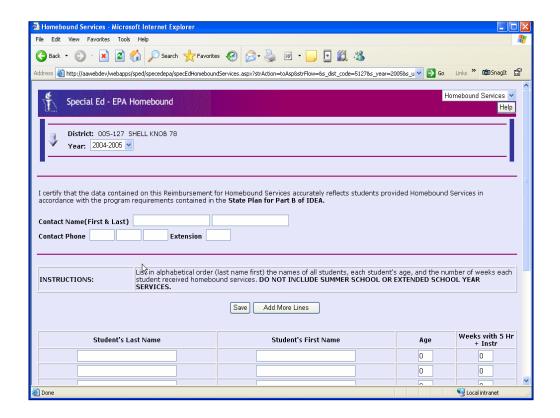


We are now back at the "Applications Menu". Remember that this screen will display only those DESE web applications the person signed in has access to use. Note the arrow at Special Education EPA.

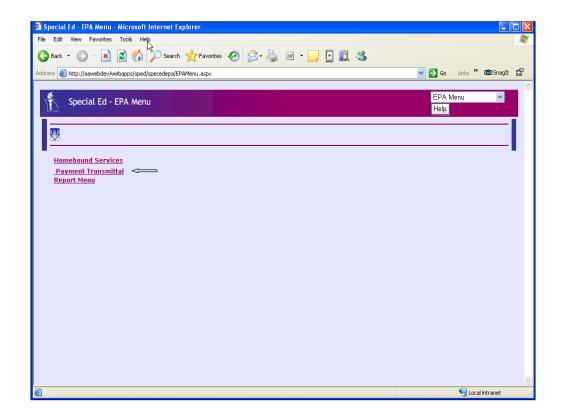
Once you are logged into the system, you will be able to return to this screen (Application Menu) by clicking in the dropdown box at the upper right-hand corner of the screen and selecting "application menu".



The Special Education EPA Menu provides access to several EPA payment components. First, we will look at the Homebound payment.

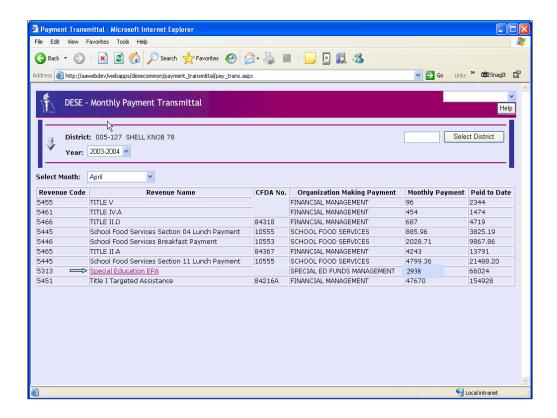


This is the Homebound Services data entry page and is currently available for use. This is also the only page that requires data entry from the district. Previously, districts would submit requests for homebound payment via paper forms at the end of each school year. With the new system, the authorized user will certify the accuracy of the data entered and submit the names of each student for which the district is requesting homebound aid. Staff in the Funds Management Section at DESE will review the submitted data and process the payment for the district.

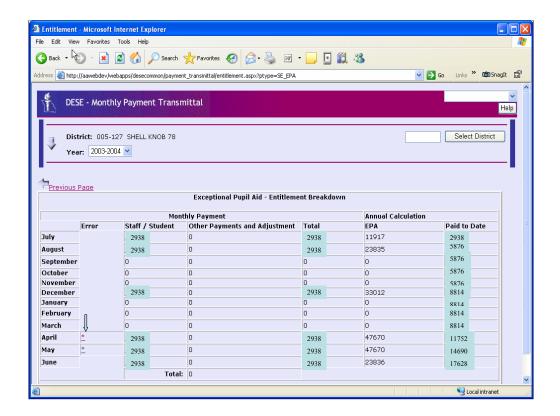


The Special Education EPA Menu can be accessed at any time by selecting "EPA Menu" from the drop down box in the upper right hand corner of the screen. This drop down box also allows the user to end a session and log off the web program.

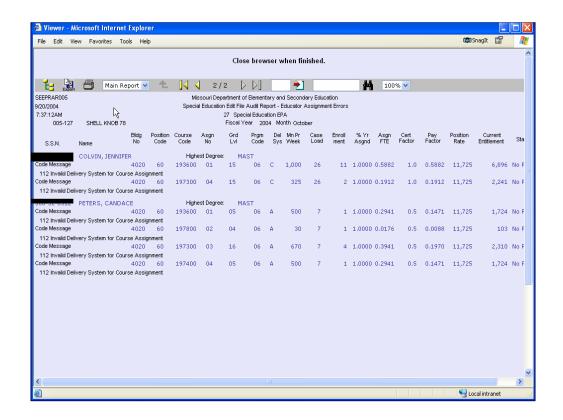
The next series of slides will demonstrate the monthly EPA Payment Transmittal.



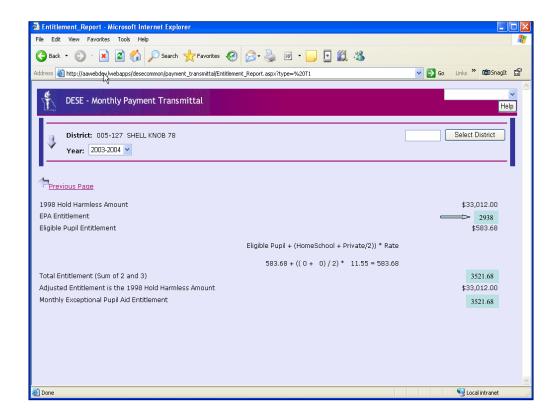
The first screen shows an overall listing of payments made to the district in a given month. At this time, only the Special Education EPA line has more detail available other than what is seen on this page. Eventually, all payments will have more detail available for the user.



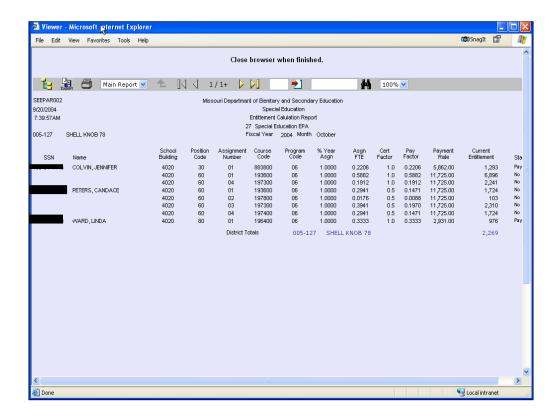
This page presents the EPA payment calculation by month along with the "annualized amount" expected for the year. The "*" in the Error column indicates there were educators showing core data errors in that month. By clicking on the "*", the user will be able to review the report defining the errors. Any underlined field can be clicked and the person will be taken to a subsequent page of information related to that field.



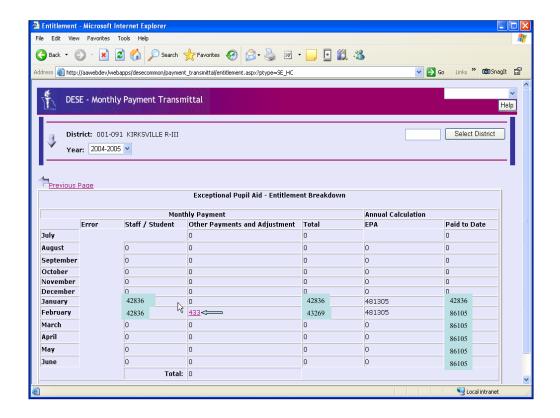
This screen displays all educators placed in a "No-Pay" or "Hold" status for that months payment. "No-Pay" status signifies data entry errors including reported caseload that exceeds state regulations. "Hold" status refers to teacher certification issues. This report opens as a separate browser window. To return to the prior page, simply close the browser window.



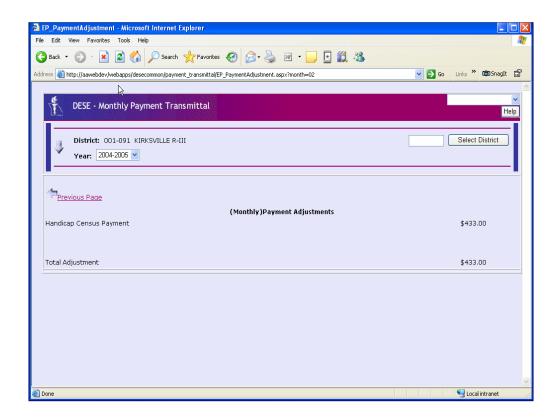
This screen summarizes the district's EPA Entitlement calculation. The example represents a district receiving their "Hold Harmless" calculation because the combination current EPA (staff) Entitlement and the Eligible Pupil Entitlement are less than the 1998 Hold Harmless amount.



This report summarizes all staff considered for payment in the specified month. The report includes all details applied to the payment calculation for each staff member and whether or not the individual is in "Pay" or "No-Pay" status. This screen is a replica of the paper report mailed to the district each month under the old payment system.



This is another view of the Exceptional Pupil Aid – Entitlement Breakdown page. Note the arrow in February under "Other Payments and Adjustment." The figure displayed in this field is explained by clicking on the number.



The monthly payment adjustment represented in this example is the "Handicapped Census Payment." This screen also reports the amount attributed to that adjustment and would itemize all applicable adjustments paid in that month. Those adjustments could include payment for Homebound Services, Extended School Year, Prior Year Adjustment, or Vocational Special Needs.